

The US in WWII

Part 2

4. Roles/Sacrifices of American Soldiers



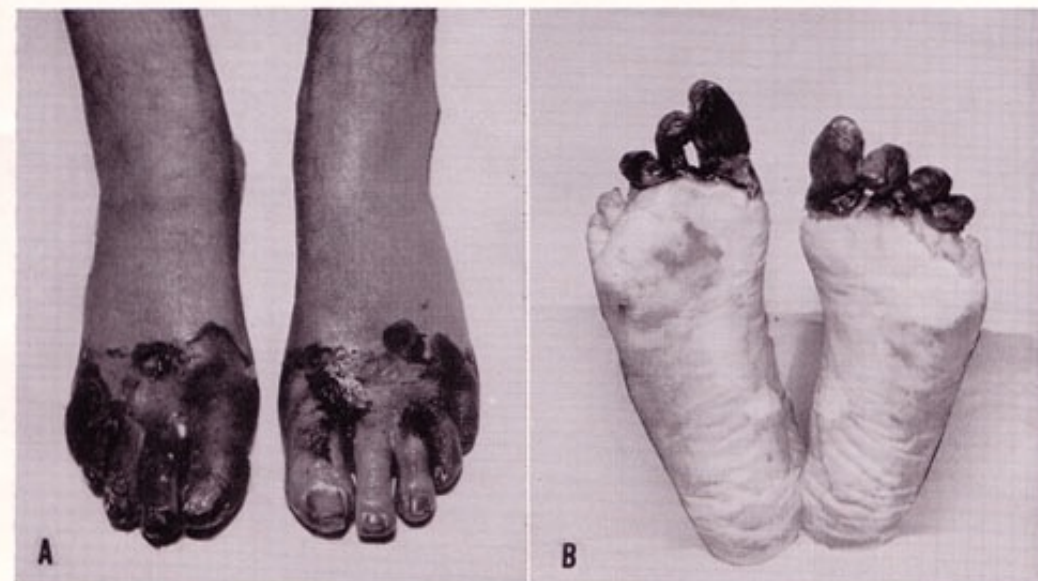
A. Battle conditions



In the European Theater of Operations (ETO) – extreme cold; lack of proper winter gear; trench foot and frostbite



Trenchfoot



AFIP CA-44-131, CA-44-176

FIGURE 64.—Subsiding inflammatory stage of trenchfoot. The right foot, on which the process was more severe than on the left, was treated by the local application of ice cold packs for a few days. The left foot was used as a control. A. Appearance of feet immediately after therapy. B. Feet shown in view A 4 weeks later. A better result had been expected, on the basis of the initial appearance of the feet. The wet ice treatment was considered of no value.

Frostbite



AFIP MAMAS 221

FIGURE 7.—Wet type of severe high-altitude frostbite, with hemorrhagic blister formation, 24 hours after injury.



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FIGURE 14.—Dry type of severe high-altitude frostbite. A. Early stages of mummification and dry gangrene 10 days after injury. B. Hands shown in view A 1 month later, after guillotine amputation of gangrenous parts.



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FIGURE 90.—Extensive gangrene of both feet in late stage of trenchfoot. A. Appearance of feet after amputation of gangrenous parts. B. Appearance of feet after amputation of gangrenous parts.





- In the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) - extreme heat; lack of water; malaria and other diseases; jungle rot





Tropical ulcer
("jungle rot")



Peleliu



Harsh, severe battle situations in both theaters of war...



- In Germany soldiers endured shelling while holding the line during the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium,



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- In the Pacific, soldiers endured Japanese Banzai attacks (sudden, suicidal frontal assaults)



There were extremely high casualty rates, especially in the Pacific



American Casualties (rounded)

- Combat deaths: 292,000
- Military deaths: 417,000
- Wounded: 671,000
- Total casualties: 1 million

Peleliu





B. African Americans



Photo taken from "Life/ World War II", circa 1943, photography by Hulton/Archive. From

Served in segregated units; relegated to support services at first
(construction, stretcher bearers)





Eventually put into
combat; served in
Europe and Pacific







Tuskegee Airmen – trained and served as fighter pilots



Were not immediately deployed;
Eleanor Roosevelt forced the issue.



Eleanor Roosevelt with "Chief" Anderson, 1941

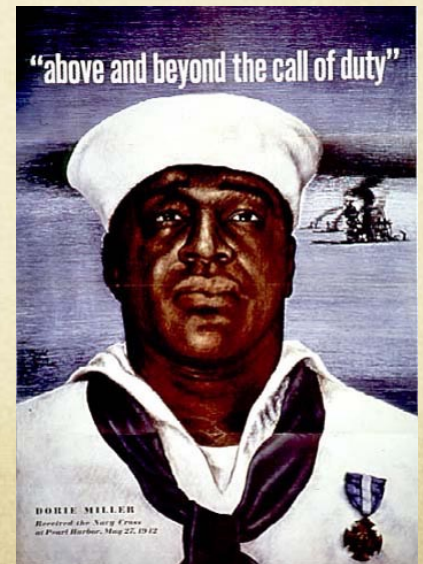
Known as “Red Tails” – had excellent record in combat escorting bombers

Watch the short video and answer the questions.

[Tuskegee Airmen Video](#)



- Many were honored for their service
- There was discrimination in commendations
- Dorie Miller received the Navy Cross



- Watch the short video about Dorie Miller and then answer the questions about him on your paper.

- [Dorie Miller Video](#)



C. Hispanic Americans

- 400,000 Hispanics served in integrated units in every branch of the military in WWII.



- Hispanics served as nurses, pilots, ground crew, infantry

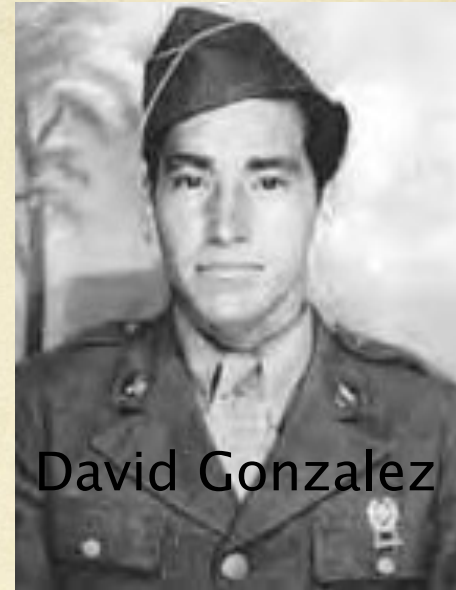




- Hispanics served with distinction; many were awarded medals; 13 were Medal of Honor recipients



Private Joe P. Martinez



David Gonzalez



Silvestre Herrera



- Read the citation describing what Silvestre Herrera did that earned him the Medal of Honor [HERE](#)
- Then answer the question.
- If you speak Spanish, you can watch a video about him [HERE](#)

- “Longoria Affair” – Felix Longoria of Texas, was killed while fighting in the Philippines. When his hometown would not bury him in the local cemetery, a burial in Arlington National Cemetery was arranged.
- This incident brought about the creation of the American G.I. Forum to fight for Hispanic-American rights



D. Japanese Americans

Some joined; others were recruited despite internment

Served mostly in Europe in 442nd, segregated Japanese-American unit







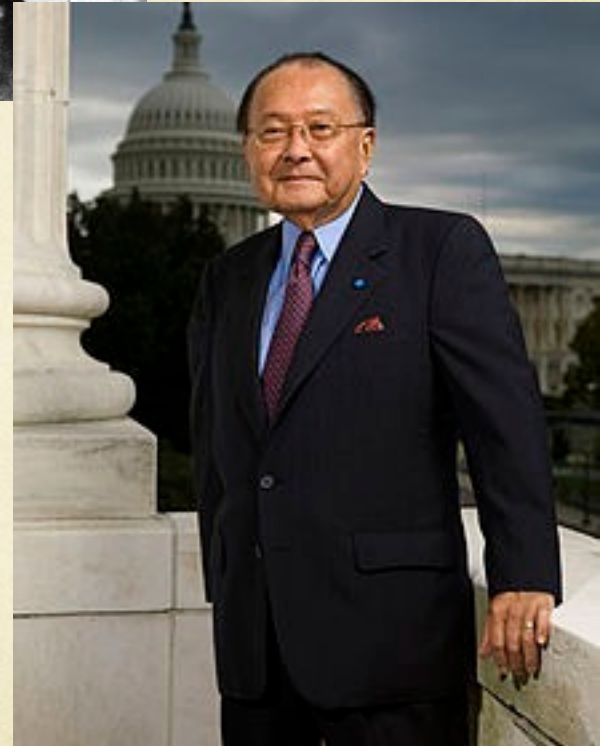
○ Building a pontoon bridge



Sado Munemori



Daniel Inouye



- Many awards, including 21 Medals of Honor and Congressional Gold Medal to their unit

- Read the citation and listen to Daniel Inouye describe what he did that resulted in his Medal of Honor. Then answer the questions.

Citation

Daniel Inouye: The Heat of Battle

Being Injured in Battle ~ Daniel Inouye



E. Navajo Code Talkers

Native Americans of all backgrounds served throughout the war in all branches

Marines recruited and trained Navajos to use a code based on their native language; it was never broken





Examples



- tank = "chay-da-gahi," (tortoise)
- dive-bomber = "gini," (chicken hawk, a bird which dives on its prey)
- submarine = "besh-lo" (iron fish)
- America = "ne-he-mah" (our mother)
- A = "Wo-La-Chee" (ant), or "be-la-sana" (apple), or "tse-nill" (ax)

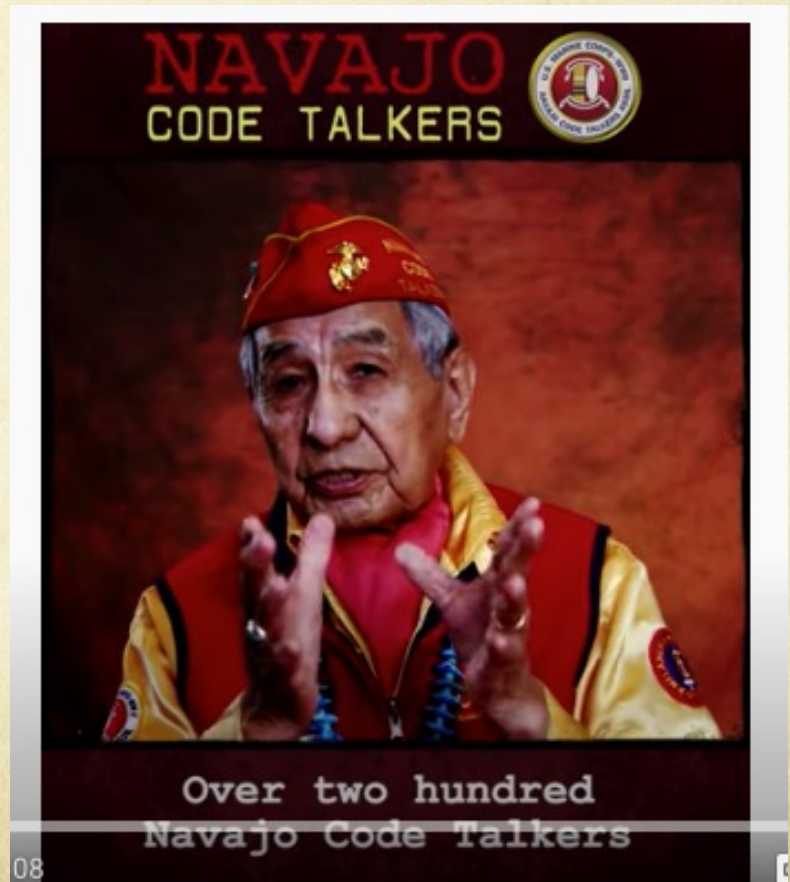
“Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima.” Maj. Connor, 5th Marines.



- Program remained classified long after the war



- Watch the video and answer the questions:
- Navajo Code Talkers



5. Developments in Technology

A. Aviation

- Air power was a decisive factor in the war both over land and at sea



- Mass aerial bombings - created vast destruction of the targets
- fighters with increasing range (P-51s)
- jets (end of war)



B. Weaponry



Semi-automatic rifles (M-1 Garand)



Automatic rifles (Browning or “BAR”)



Machine guns –
(Thompson
Submachine gun)
made mobile fire
power more
intense and
destructive

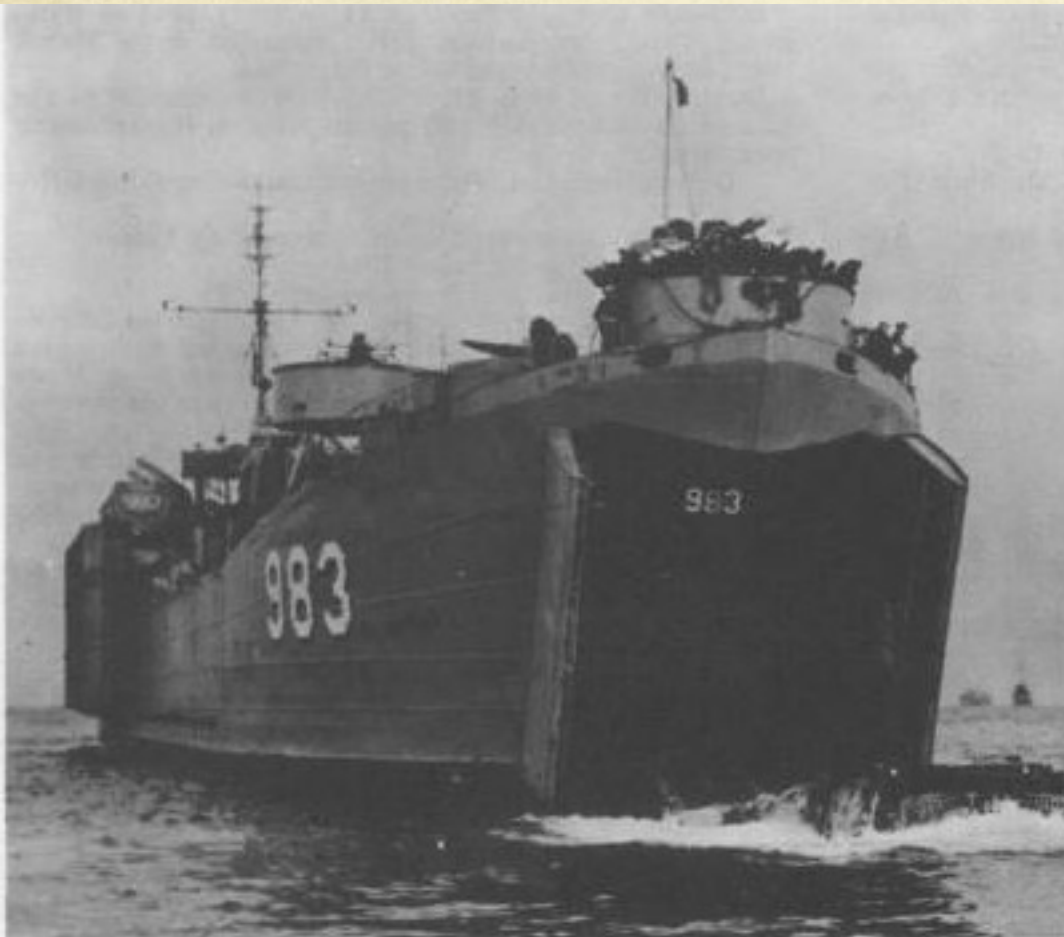
Landing craft

- new kinds of landing crafts (Higgins Boats, amphibious landing craft: DUKWs, swimming tanks)



LCVP, Landing Craft
Vehicle (Personnel)
Higgins Boats)

Amphibious landing craft (LSTs, LVTs, DUKWs)



LSTs (Landing, Ship Tank)



○ LST



○ LVT, Landing Vehicle, Tracked



LCT (Landing Craft Tank)



○ Amphibious landing craft: DUKWs



○ Swimming tanks (DD)

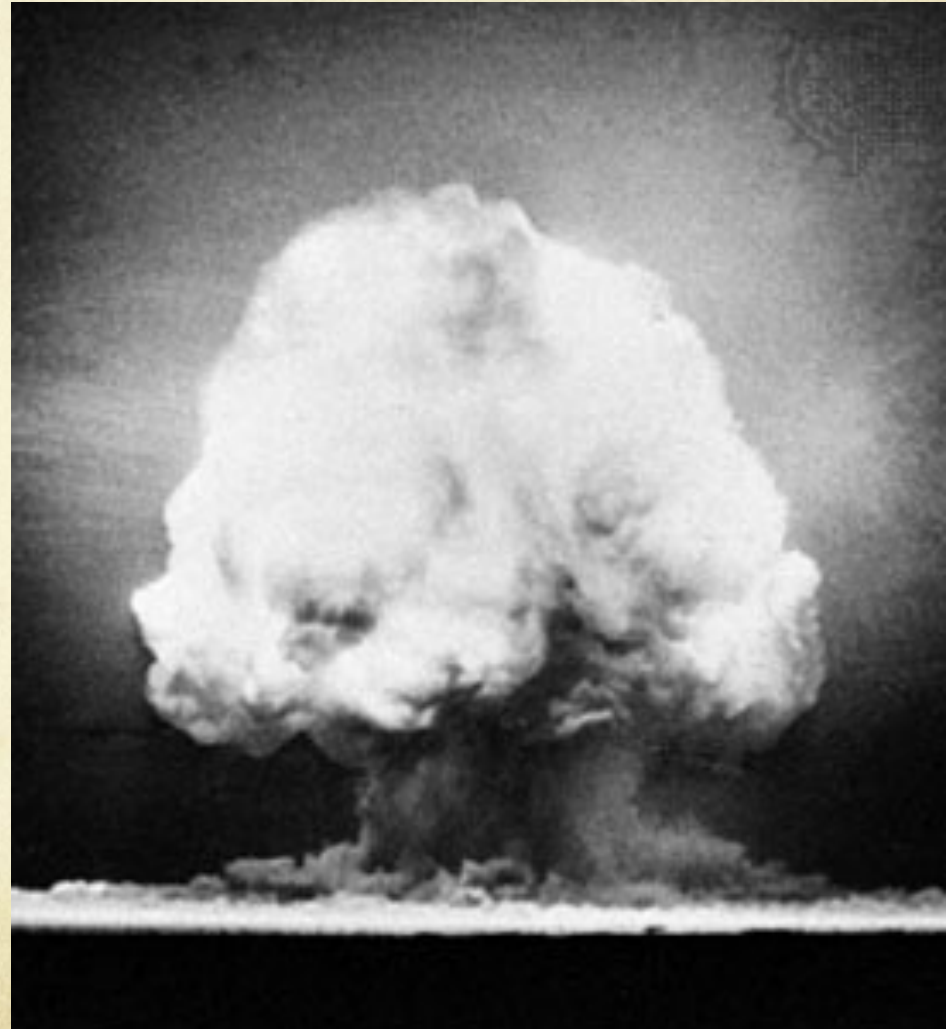




- V-2 Rockets (Germany)-
caused devastation in
London and elsewhere



○ Atomic bomb



C. Communication

- Radio – improved battle communication; it was now wireless, and included the walkie-talkie (HT = handheld transceiver)



Communication

RADAR (Radio Detection And Ranging) – to find targets and detect enemy aircraft



SONAR (SOund Navigation And Ranging) to find targets and detect enemy vessels



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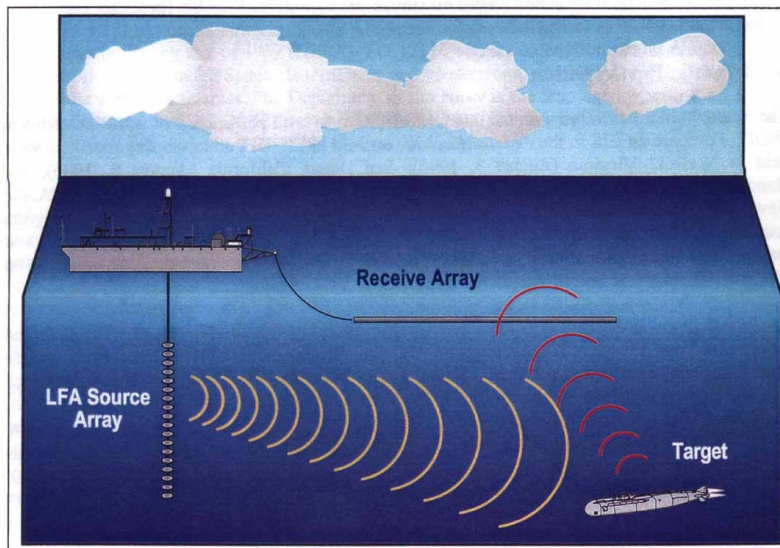
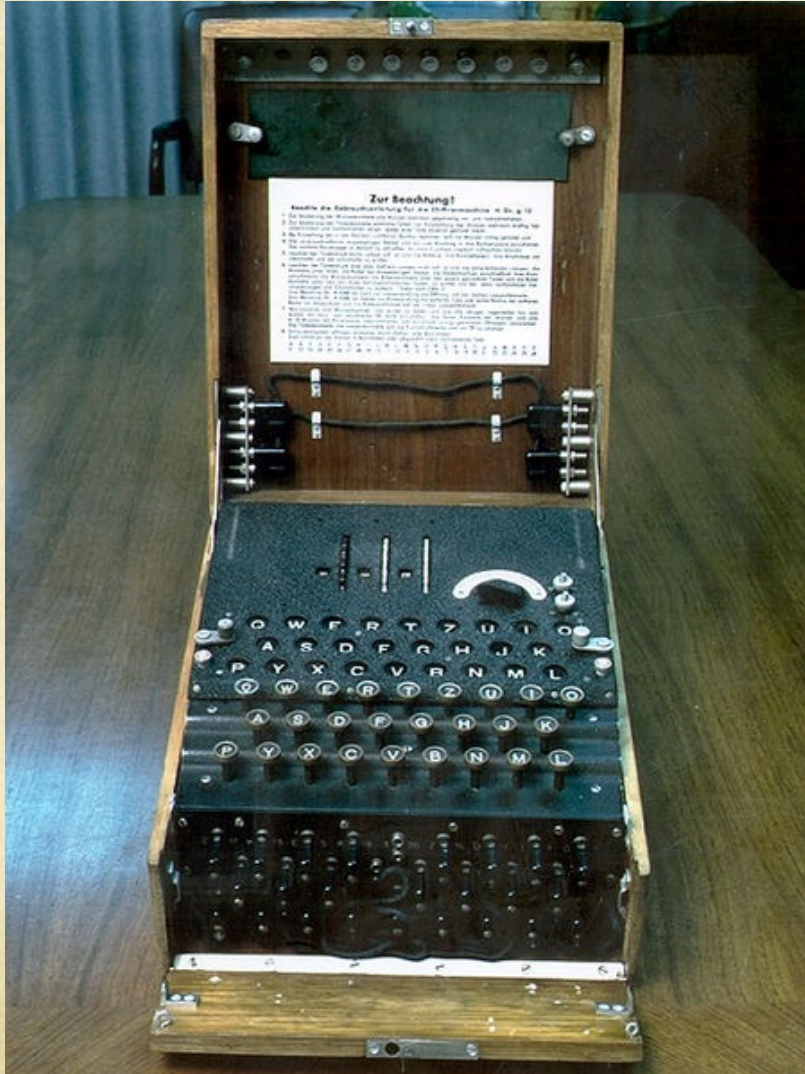
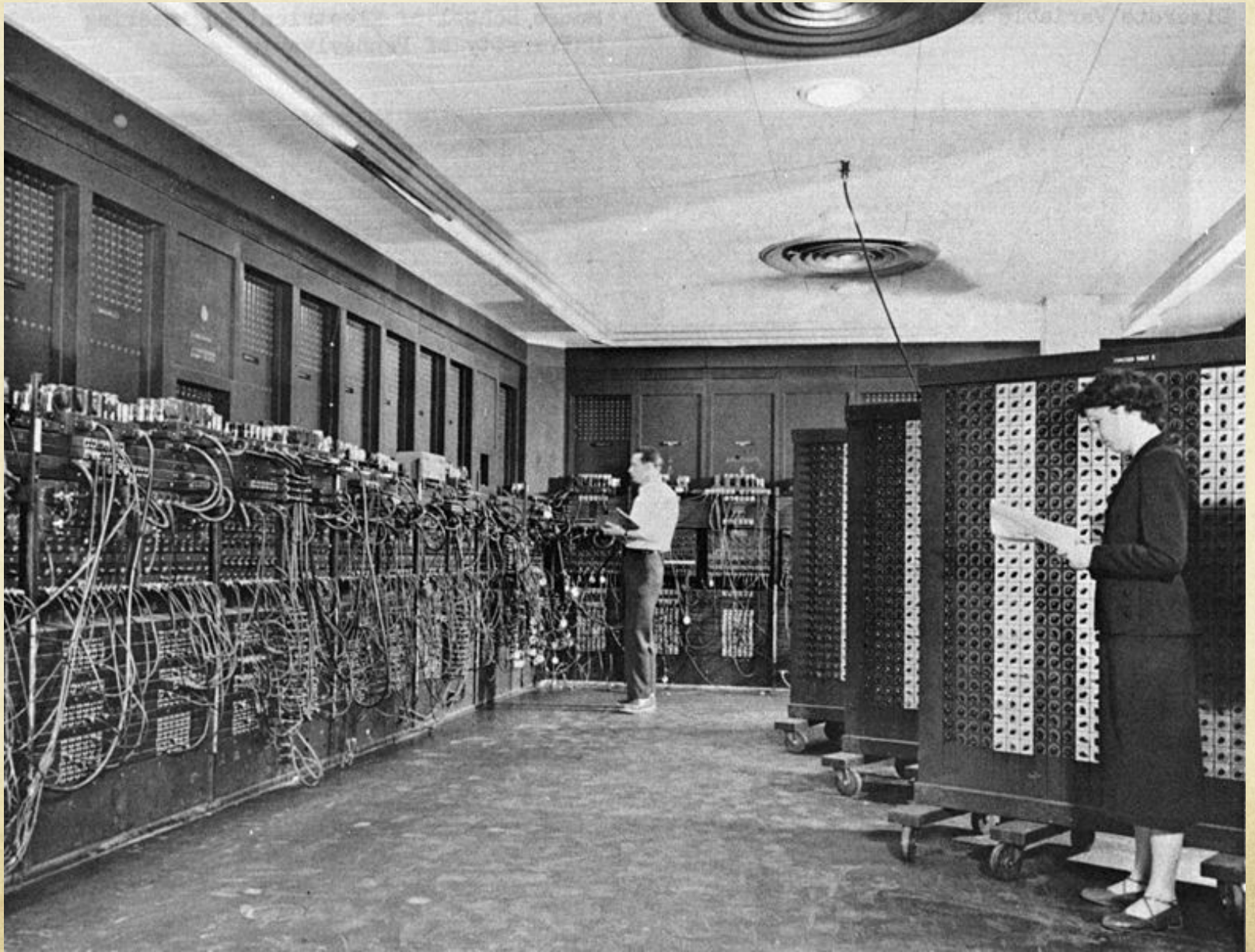


Figure S-2. SURTASS LFA Sonar System.

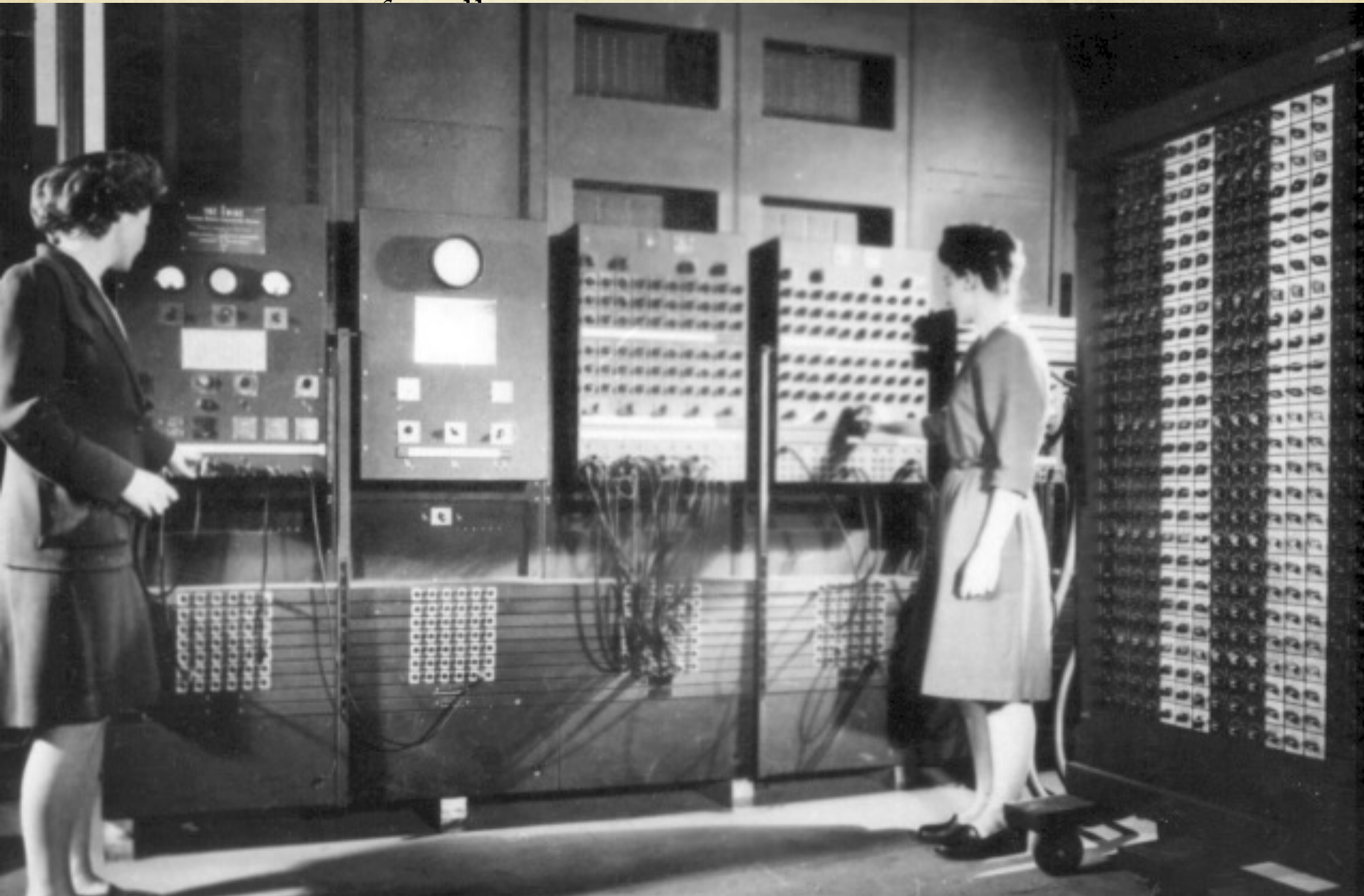
Code machines like “Enigma”



ENIAC -- Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer



- Early computer used for calculating distance and



D. Medicine

Penicillin (“sulfa drugs”) – antibiotics – saved lives

Thanks to PENICILLIN
...He Will Come Home!



FROM ORDINARY
MOLD—

*the Greatest Healing
Agent of this War!*

On the gentle, green-and-yellow mold above, called *Penicillium notatum* in the laboratory, grows the miraculous substance first discovered by Professor Alexander Fleming in 1928. Named penicillin by its discoverer, it is the most powerful weapon ever developed against many of the deadliest infections known to man. Because research on molds was already a part of Schenley's enterprise, Schenley Laboratories were well able to meet the problem of large scale production of penicillin, when the great need for it arose.

When the thousand battles of this war have subsided to pages of silent pain in a history book, the greatest news event of World War II may well be the discovery and development — not of some vicious secret weapon that destroys — but of a weapon that saves lives. That weapon, of course, is penicillin.

Every day, penicillin is performing more unbelievable acts of healing on some far battlefield. Thousands of men will return home who otherwise would not have had a chance. Better still, more and more of this precious drug is now available for civilian use — to save the lives of patients of every age.

A year ago, production of penicillin was difficult, costly. Today, due to specially devised methods of mass-production, in use by Schenley Laboratories, Inc. and the 20 other firms designated by the government to make penicillin, it is available in ever-increasing quantity, at progressively lower cost.

Shown in "THE DOCTOR IGNORES" starring Bette Davis and John Garfield. Tuesday evenings, 8 P.M. Don't miss your chance for time and motion.

SCHENLEY LABORATORIES, INC.

Producers of **PENICILLIN-Schenley**



Penicillin
THE NEW LIFE-SAVING DRUG

Saves Soldiers' Lives!



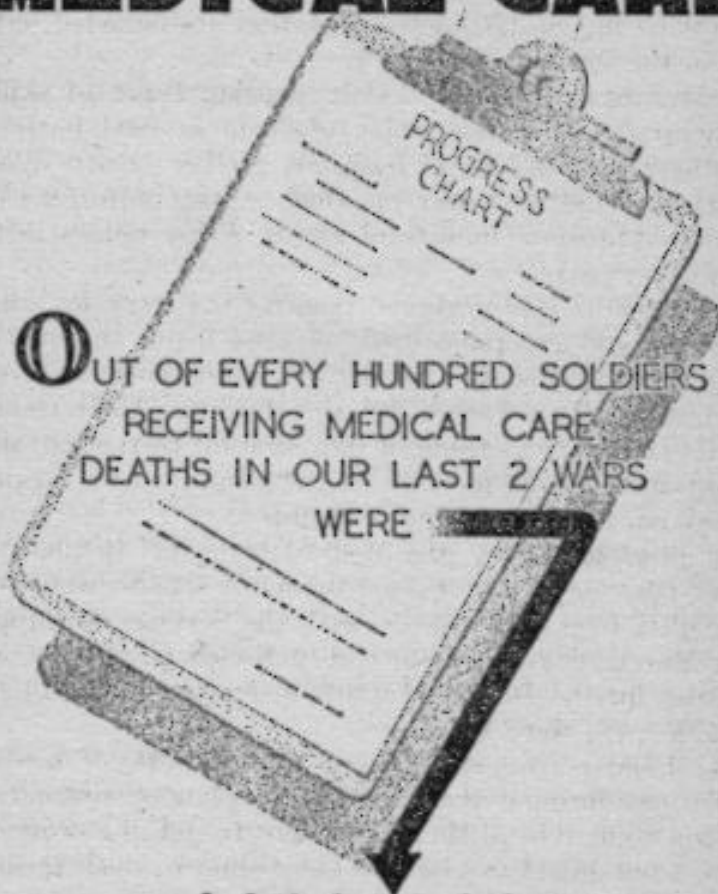
**Men who might have died
will live... if YOU**

Give this job Everything You've got!

Plasma; blood transfusions – saved lives;
Tetanus shots; more trained medics



MEDICAL CARE



OUT OF EVERY HUNDRED SOLDIERS
RECEIVING MEDICAL CARE,
DEATHS IN OUR LAST 2 WARS
WERE

8 DIED  WORLD
WAR I

4 DIED  WORLD
WAR II

6. Impact of WWII on the Home Front

Home front definition:
activities supporting
the war effort

A. War Industry

US stepped up production

War Production Board
(WPB) coordinated
industrial output



Propaganda posters urged workers to work hard for the war effort



Workers surpassed goals in output



Factories converted to war-related production









Lockheed Aircraft Plant

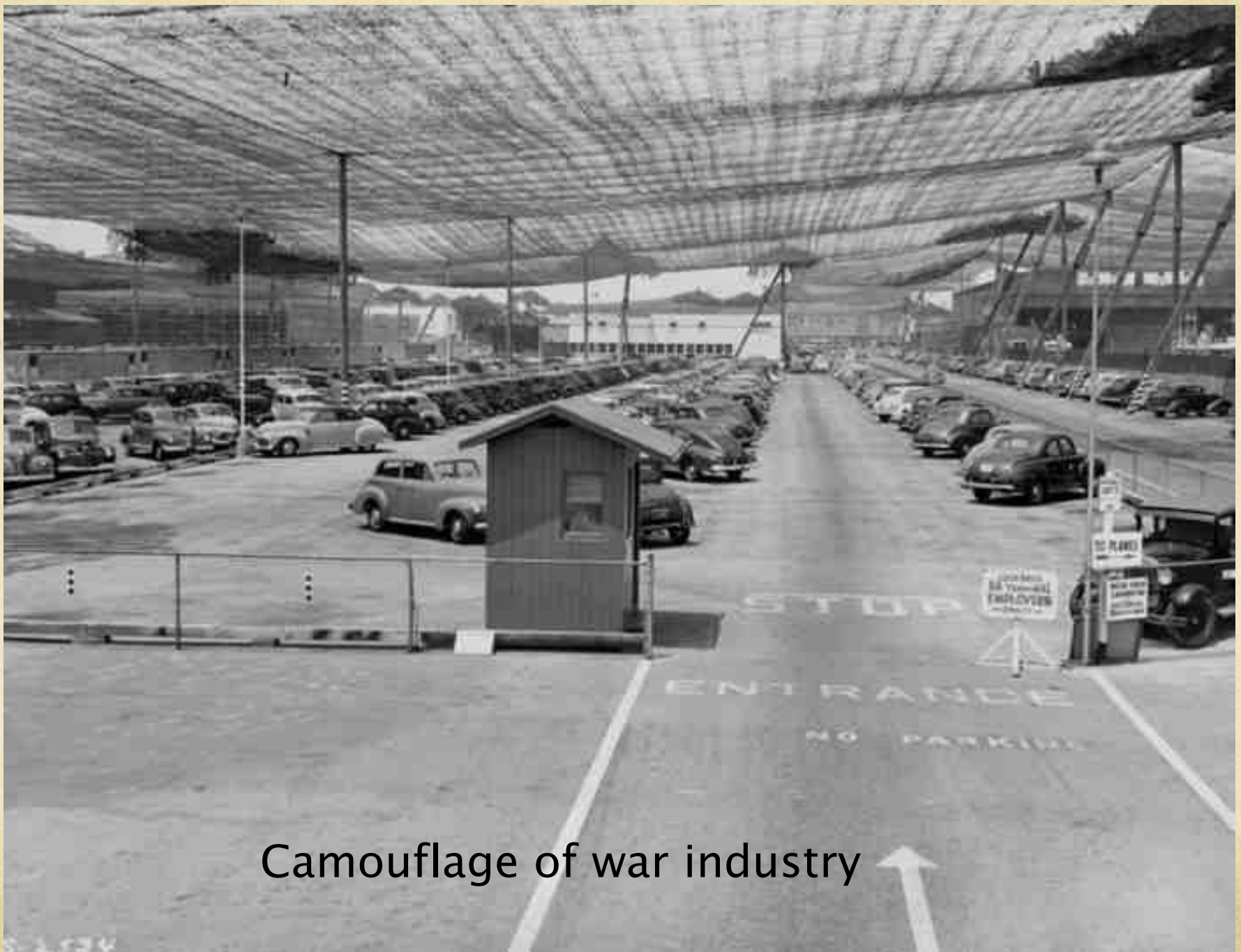


Lockheed Plant with camouflage



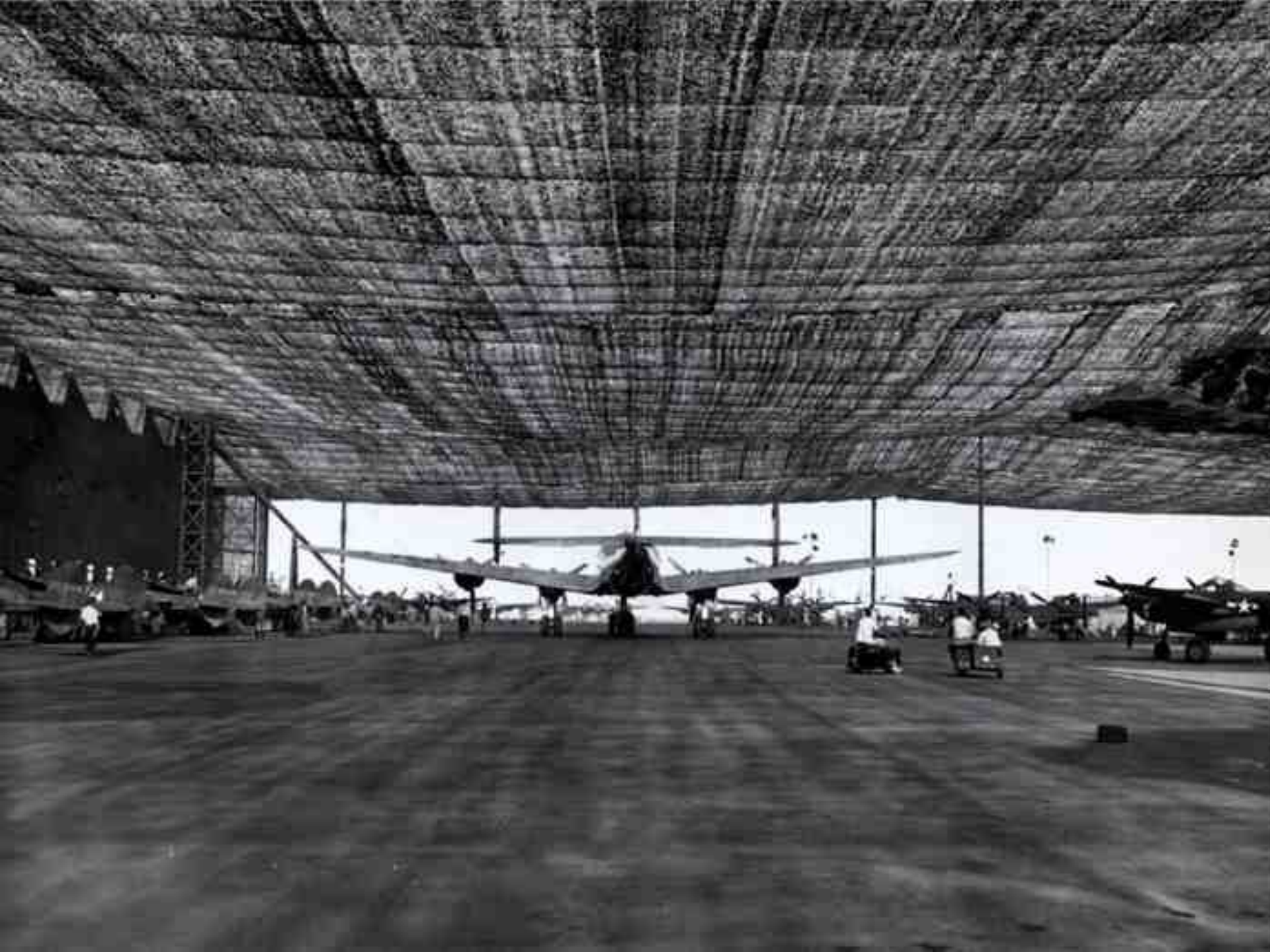
Camouflage of war industry





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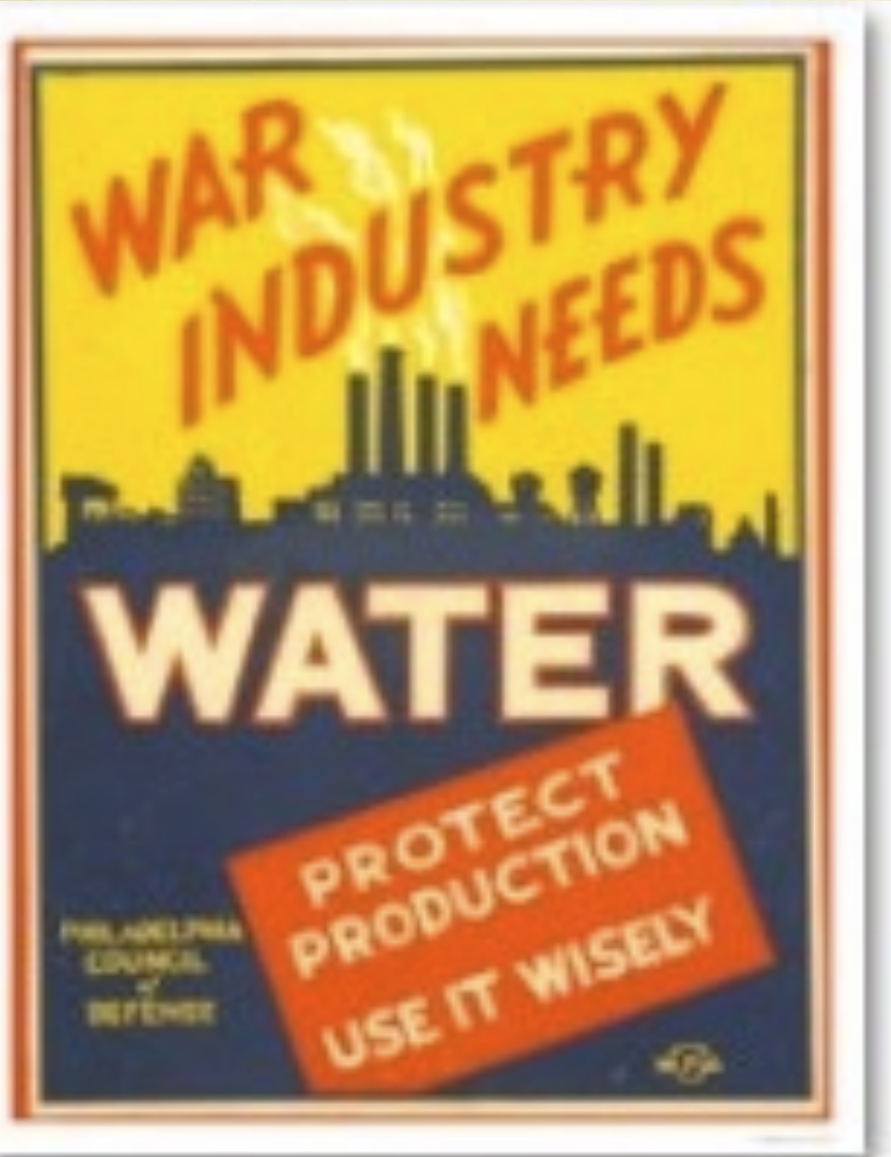






B. Resources

The public was urged to conserve resources



Giving the Axis a Lift

'Step on it, kid; ya got
gas and rubber to burn!'



Campaign to conserve resources and ration supplies for civilians

**Do with less—
so they'll have
enough!**



RATIONING GIVES YOU YOUR FAIR SHARE

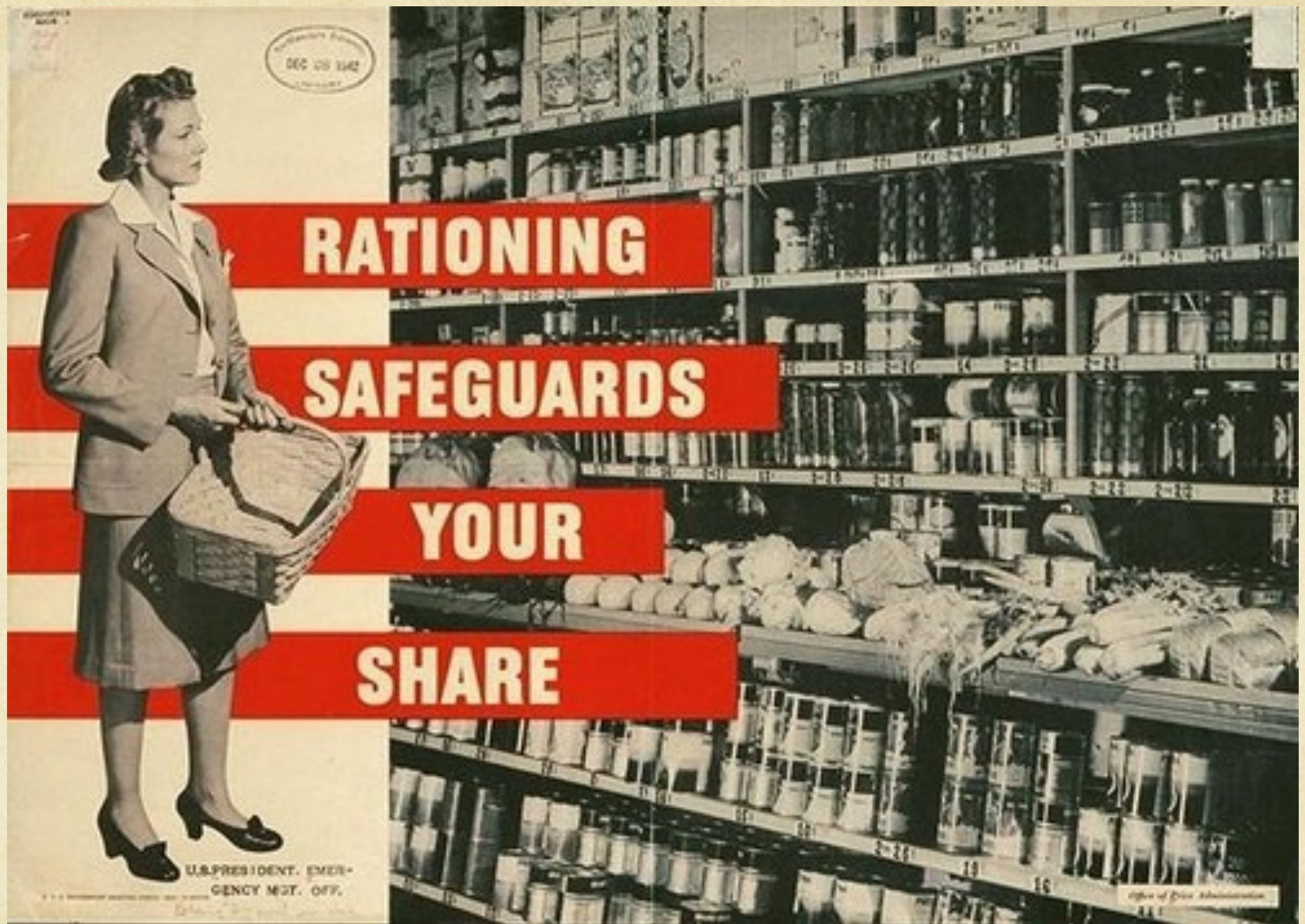
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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1943



ARE YOU

DOING ALL YOU CAN?



Consumers were expected to accept rationing of goods



Rationing means
a fair share for all of us





Civilians were encouraged to grow victory gardens and can their own food.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION



WAR RATION BOOK FOUR

Issued to Ruthanna Jacobs
(Print first, middle, and last names)

Complete address Menger Mills
Pa.

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In accepting this book, I recognize that it remains the property of the United States Government. I will use it only in the manner and for the purposes authorized by the Office of Price Administration.

Void if Altered Ruthanna Jacobs
(Signature)

It is a criminal offense to violate rationing regulations.

OPA Form R-145

16-35570-1



Kids held scrap metal drives (Boy Scouts)





Camp Fire Girls scrap metal drive



- Kids gathered milkweed pods – the floss was used to stuff lifejackets

near which is an areaway, 25 feet deep and eight by six feet wide. The burglars placed an 18-foot ladder in the areaway, then put an iron grating over the top so they could hang onto it and reach the ladder to climb down. Holland reported.

The rear door at the bottom of the areaway was unlocked. The burglars forced a second door at the end of a hallway by breaking an upper middle panel. Holland reported. The pins also were removed from the hinges of the door.

Holland reported the entry looked "like an experienced job" and not the work of juveniles. Sampson discovered the burglary when he opened for business this morning. The shop had been closed since 8 P. M. yesterday.

Milkweed Pod Collection Will Start Tomorrow

A citywide campaign for the collection of milkweed pods for use in life preservers will be launched tomorrow by Syracuse school children.

Two thousand onion bags for the collection of the floss have been contributed by the New York State College of Forestry Experimental Station. Boy Scouts were escorted to the college by members of the Red Cross Motor Corps to pick up the bags and then took them to 50 city schools.

The children will obtain the bags at the schools tomorrow and will begin their collection of the floss immediately. One bushel of the milkweed pods makes a life jacket, and children will receive 20 cents for each filled bag.

Lloyd G. Strombeck, 4-H Club agent, is in charge of the distribution of the bags. The floss, he said, is used as a substitute for kapok, the supply of which was cut off when Japan seized Java.



FIR MILKWEED COLLECTION. Two thousand onion bags from the New York State College of Forestry Experimental Station were distributed to 50 city schools by members of the Boy Scouts and the Red Cross Motor Corps. Children may pick up the bags tomorrow and begin collecting milkweed pods for use in life jackets. Left to right are Miss Maria Tracy, Mrs. Scott Raymond and Miss Marie Louise Chase, Red Cross drivers; Paul Rood, James Schumacher and Peter Graf, Troop 1 Boy Scouts.

Milkweed floss





- Bags of milkweed pods waiting to be collected by the government



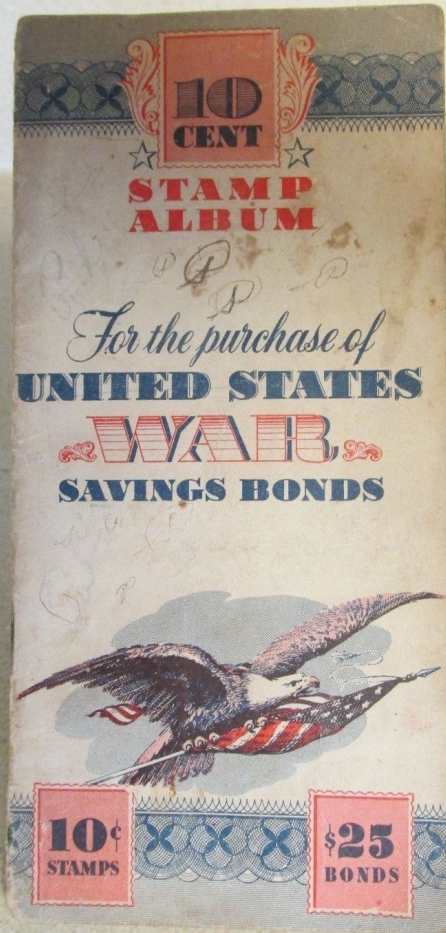
- Ms. Sutton's mom (the little girl to the right of the soldier) collected milk pods in rural Pennsylvania as a child. She also saved money to buy liberty stamps to save up for a bond (see next slide).

- The soldier is her uncle. The other girl is her cousin.

- 1942



- Kids also bought savings stamps which could be exchanged for bonds.



THIS IS YOUR Ten-Cent War Savings Stamp Album. Fill it with 187 Ten-Cent Stamps, add 5c in coin, and it will have a value of \$18.75. Exchange it at the post office for a War Savings Bond which, after 10 years, will be worth \$25. Then start filling another Stamp Album. War Savings Stamps are sold in five denominations—10c, 25c, 50c, \$1, and \$5.

With your first purchase of any Stamp, you are entitled to receive, free of charge, an Album for mounting that kind of Stamp. Mount none but 10c War Savings Stamps in this Album. Be sure to affix Stamps securely.

AS YOU FILL this Album with War Savings Stamps it will rapidly grow in value and should be guarded against theft or loss. A precaution is to carry your Album in a self-addressed stamped envelope, with a written request on the envelope to return to you if found.

This Album is the property of—
 Name *Mildred M. Perkins*
 Address *2304 York Ave*
 City *Rockford* State *Ill.*

						
10c	20c	30c	40c	50c	60c	70c

80c	90c	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.20	\$1.30	\$1.40

\$1.50	\$1.60	\$1.70	\$1.80	\$1.90	\$2.00	\$2.10

\$5.00	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.30	\$5.40	\$5.50	\$5.60

\$5.70	\$5.80	\$5.90	\$6.00	\$6.10	\$6.20	\$6.30

\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60	\$6.70	\$6.80	\$6.90	\$7.00

\$7.10	\$7.20	\$7.30	\$7.40	\$7.50	\$7.60	\$7.70

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\$17.60 \$17.70 \$17.80 \$17.90 \$18.00 \$18.10 \$18.20

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\$18.30 \$18.40 \$18.50 \$18.60 \$18.70

A FILLED BOOK of 187 Ten-Cent War Savings Stamps, with 5c in coin, has a value of \$18.75 and will be accepted in exchange by the post office for a United States War Savings Bond, Series E, maturity value \$25.

Women were asked to give up their silk and nylon stockings for the war effort.



Women drawing on “seams” of missing stockings (silk was scarce) so it looked like they were wearing them.

C. Women

Women were recruited to replace men – the “Rosie the Riveter” campaign encouraged women to go to work in industry



The more **WOMEN** at work
the sooner we **WIN!**



WOMEN ARE NEEDED ALSO AS:

FARM WORKERS	WAITRESSES	TIMEKEEPERS	LAUNDRESSES
TYPISTS	BUS DRIVERS	ELEVATOR OPERATORS	TEACHERS
SALESPeople	TAXI DRIVERS	MESSengers	CONDUCTORS

—and in hundreds of other war jobs!

SEE YOUR LOCAL U.S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Save his life...
and find
your own



BE A NURSE

WRITE TO STUDENT NURSES, 1790 BROADWAY, N. Y. C.



“I’ve found the job
where I fit best!”

**FIND YOUR WAR JOB
In Industry – Agriculture – Business**

Off. Poster No. 35. Additional copies may be obtained upon request from the Division of Public Inquiries, Office of War Information, Washington, D. C.

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed this poster
1944
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Women riveted, welded,
assembled...



...planes, ships, vehicles

○ .





Propaganda encouraged
men to accept women
in the workplace



- Women became Army and Navy nurses



WANTED
MORE NAVY NURSES
Be a commissioned officer in the U. S. Navy

For information write: The Surgeon General, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.



JOIN THE
ARMY NURSE CORPS

APPLY AT YOUR RED CROSS RECRUITING STATION



- Women were recruited into the military to “free a man to fight”

- They became munitions workers



- They joined WAC - Women's Army Corps



WOMAN'S PLACE IN WAR
The Army of the United States
has 239 kinds of jobs for women
THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS



WOMAN'S PLACE IN WAR
The Army of the United States
has 239 kinds of jobs for women
THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS

*"I'm proud of my
two soldiers"*



JOIN THE WAC NOW !

THOUSANDS OF ARMY
JOBS NEED FILLING !

Women's Army Corps
United States Army

Are you a girl with a
Star-Spangled heart ?



JOIN THE WAC NOW !

THOUSANDS OF ARMY
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Women's Army Corps
United States Army



WAC teletype clerks



WAC Air traffic
controller

WAVES – Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service

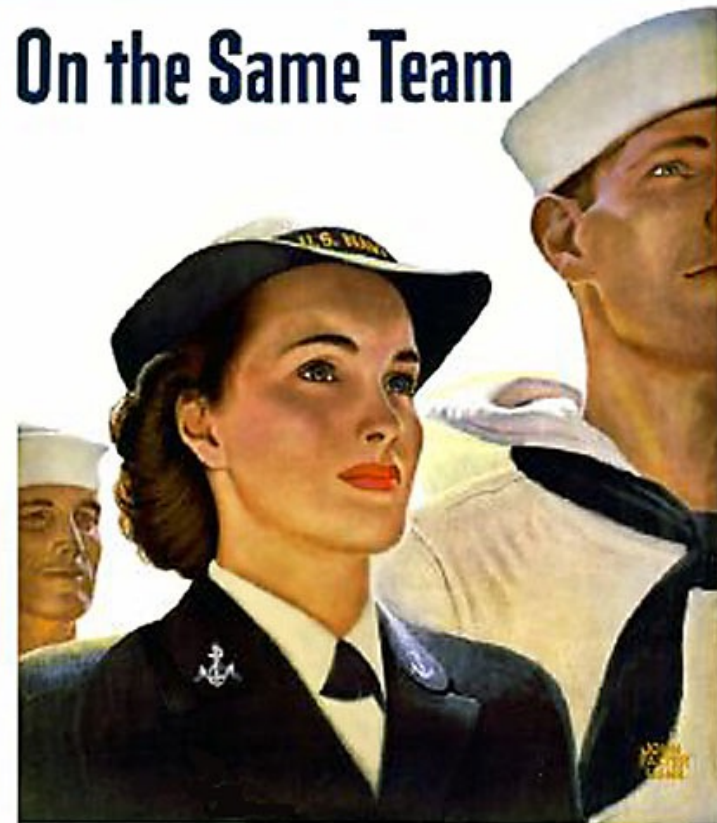


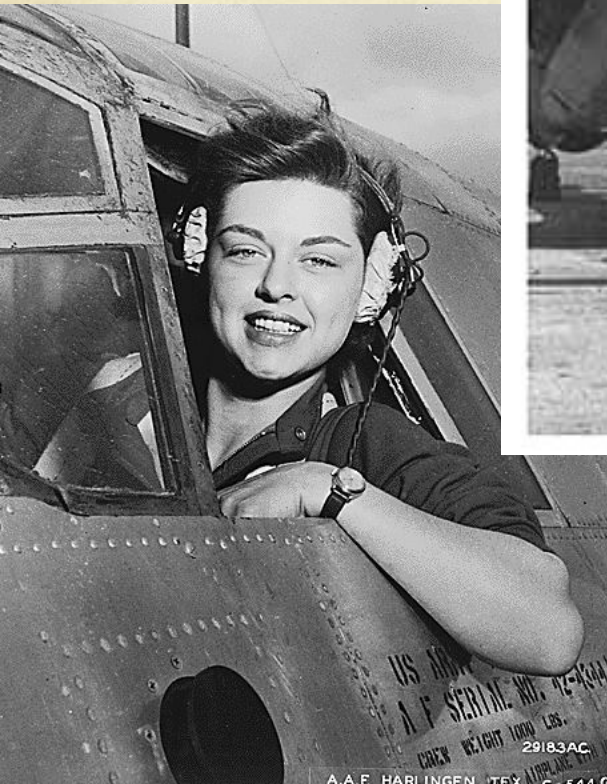
Photo # 80-G-40594 Target practice by WAVES at Treasure Island, California, Feb. 1943





WAVE Metal workers

- WASP (Women AirForce Service Pilots) – tested and ferried aircraft to military bases



D. African Americans

Faced continued racial discrimination;
factories resisted hiring blacks

A Philip Randolph organized march on
Washington for job equality

The Courier started the “Double V”
campaign for victory over enemies
abroad and racism at home

FDR issued Executive order 8802
declaring:

“There shall be no discrimination in the
defense industries or the
government”



**RACE UNITES FOR
DRIVE TO SECURE
REAL DEMOCRACY**

In continuing the policy of *The Courier* to fight for the rights of the Negro race, the paper recently started the "Double V" drive for victory at home against prejudice and discrimination as well as victory abroad against the enemies of democracy. Since this "Double V" emblem has been

Industries and the federal
government now
hired African
Americans

Campaigns promoted
harmonious race
relations in the
workplace





- Port Chicago Disaster and Mutiny (1944)
- African American sailors assigned to packing and loading munitions in the Navy – poorly trained, no safety training, white officers made bets on speed



- Accident caused explosion – killed 320 sailors (2/3 African American) (only 51 could be identified); injured 390. Destroyed pier, 3 ships, boxcars, buildings.





Board Votes To Continue Wadleigh High School

FIRST
on the line
NEW

The New York Age



Sara Sparks Confirms Attack
On Powell's Record Calls Him
Irresponsible Publicity Seeker

200 Negroes Among Calif. Explosion Dead



Wadleigh, Benjamin Franklin High Schools To Continue Operations; Full Supervisory Staffs Retain

1100 Canyon Blvd.
Suite 1000
Agency Building
Boulder, CO 80502

TWO HUNDRED NEGRO SAILORS AMONG DEAD, MISSING AND INJURED BY CALIF. EXPLOSION

Design: Joseph Williams First Steps To Graduate From Maryland Marine Academy



Nearly 2,000 Negro
Women Enrolled
New Cadet Unit

Source: Asia/Cities National World Problems
The Asia Institute for the Environment &

Pier One before (left) and after the explosion.



**Hundreds Killed When Two Navy
Ammunition Vessels Explode and
Devastate Port Chicago in California**

TAUNTON DAILY GAZETTE.

TAUNTON, MASS., TUESDAY EVENING JULY 16, 1944

IN PAGES 4 CENTS

PORT CHICAGO, Calif., July 16 (AP)—
—As many as 300 men may have died
in the thundering explosion of two am-
munition ships at a Navy munitions
deck here.

WRECKED
Flying Bombs
Drop Again

TAKEN

POINT CHICAGO, Calif., July 15 (AP)—As many as 350 men may have died in the thundering explosion of two ammunition ships at a Navy munitions deck here.

WEATHER
A. C. Douglas and W. Douglas
**Flying Bomb
Drop Again
In London**

ST. LO TAKEN
BY U. S. TROOPS

Big Battleships Join Attack On Guam Island

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force. Quoted July 18 (AP).—Quoted Source reports, according to which suddenly changed front positions, were of little avail to the German line in France.

Will Talk On Peace & Washington

Supporters
Call for
Hill

- Inquiry did not blame competition
- White officers got 30 days leave; black enlisted men did not; most were sent on to work loading elsewhere.
- 50 refused to load ammunition; were court-martialed for mutiny. Sentenced to 12-15 years (commuted at end of war).
- Became Civil Rights issue; NAACP and Thurgood Marshall pressured Navy to change policy



E. Mexican Americans and Mexicans

Mexican Americans worked in the war industries;
women took over men's jobs while they were
overseas



Mexican-
American
women
workers,
Union
Pacific RR

Mexicans were brought in from Mexico as farm laborers under the Bracero Program

Mexican Workers Wanted in October

Farmers and orchardists in Washington state have placed orders for approximately 6000 imported Mexican workers for the month of October, according to reports sent to

Figure 14. A description of the demand for Mexican laborers (Source: Northwest Farm News, September 9, 1943).







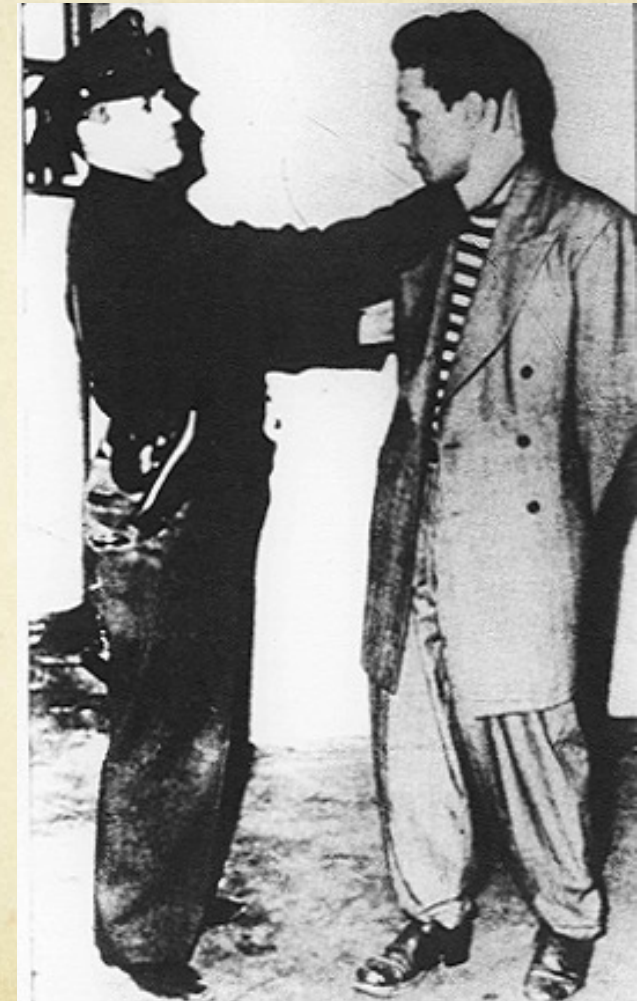


Zoot Suit Riots

- Mexican-American youth wore Zoot Suits to dance and socialize; some saw this as unpatriotic



- Zoot Suits used a lot of fabric as compared to military uniforms and the new styles of suits they inspired



A Los Angeles police officer pretends to clip the 'Argentine' hair-style of a young pachuco zoot-suiter.

- Sailors on shore leave from Port of Los Angeles clashed Zoot-suit-wearing Mexican kids downtown L.A.





- Police arrested beaten “Pachucos” (“punks”) and sailors got away with it.







- Officials blamed the riots on juvenile delinquency
- Citizens committee blamed wartime hysteria, racism, poor policing, and irresponsible reporting of the press



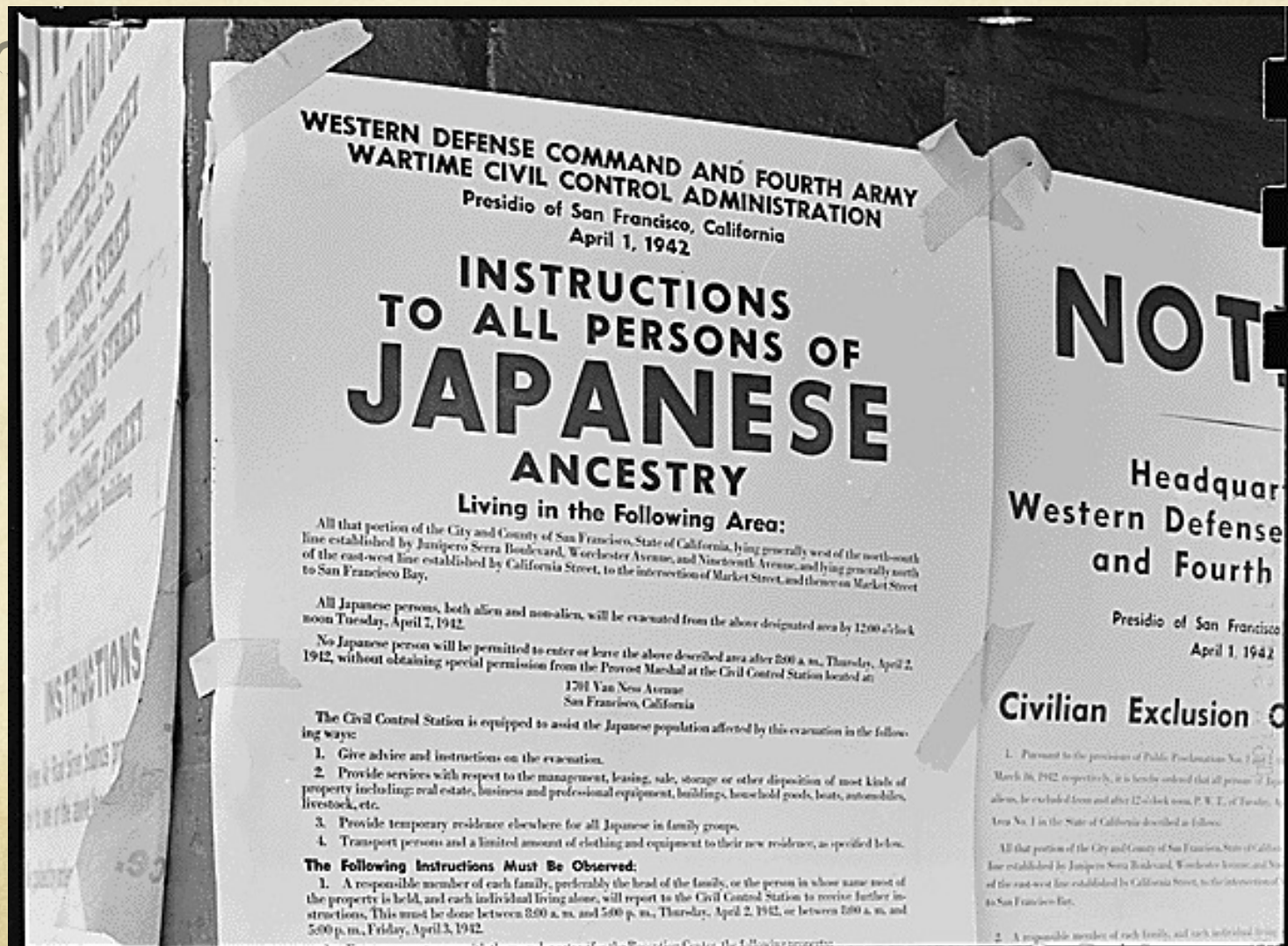
- Watch the video and answer the questions:

Zoot Suit Riots Video

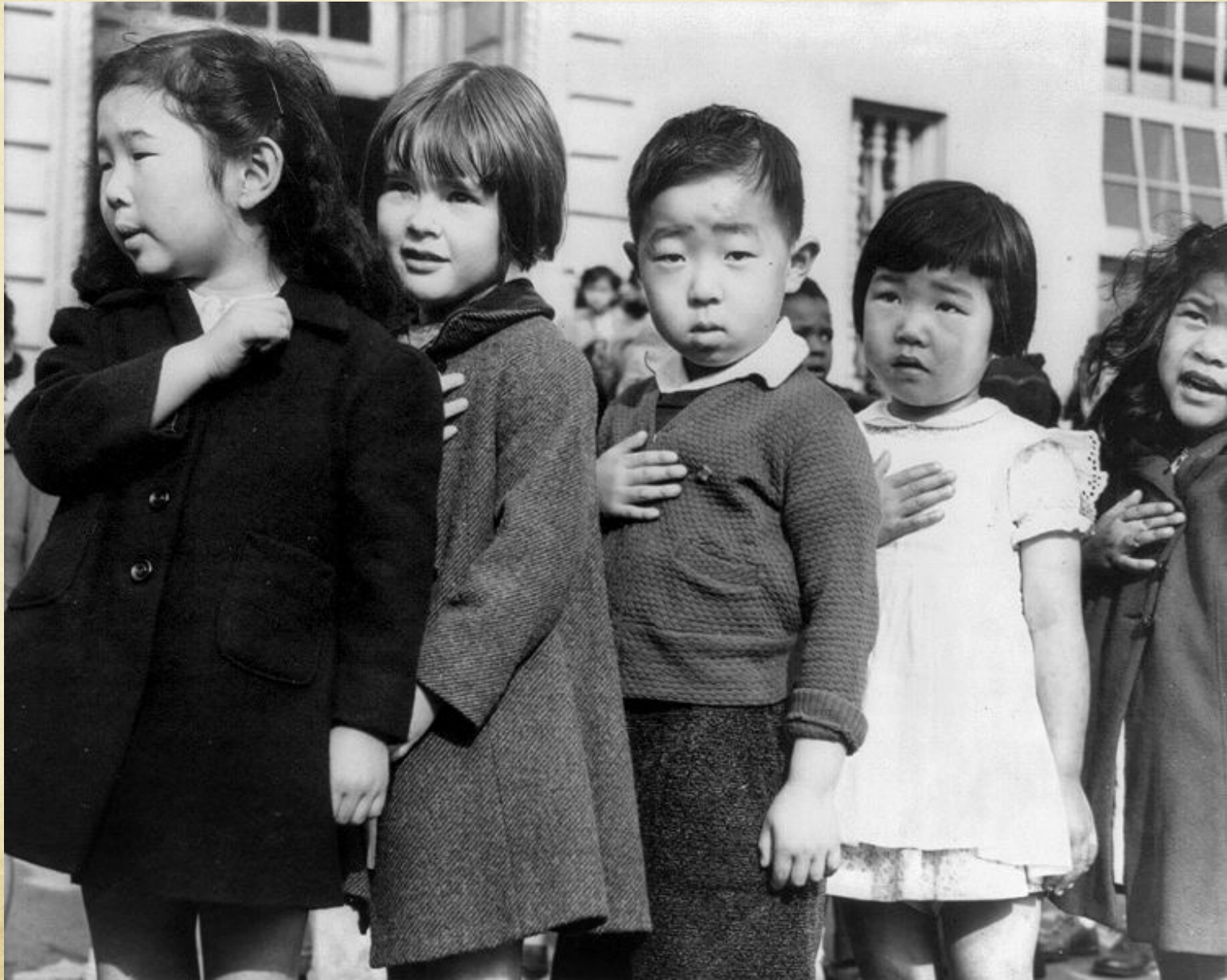


F. Japanese Americans

Executive Order 9066 ordered the “evacuation” of Japanese Americans from the west coast because of “military urgency”



Most were American citizens



Papers and citizens used defamatory language



**JAPS
KEEP OUT**
YOU ARE
NOT WANTED

JAPS KEEP MOVING
This
- is A WHITE MAN'S NEIGHBORHOOD.



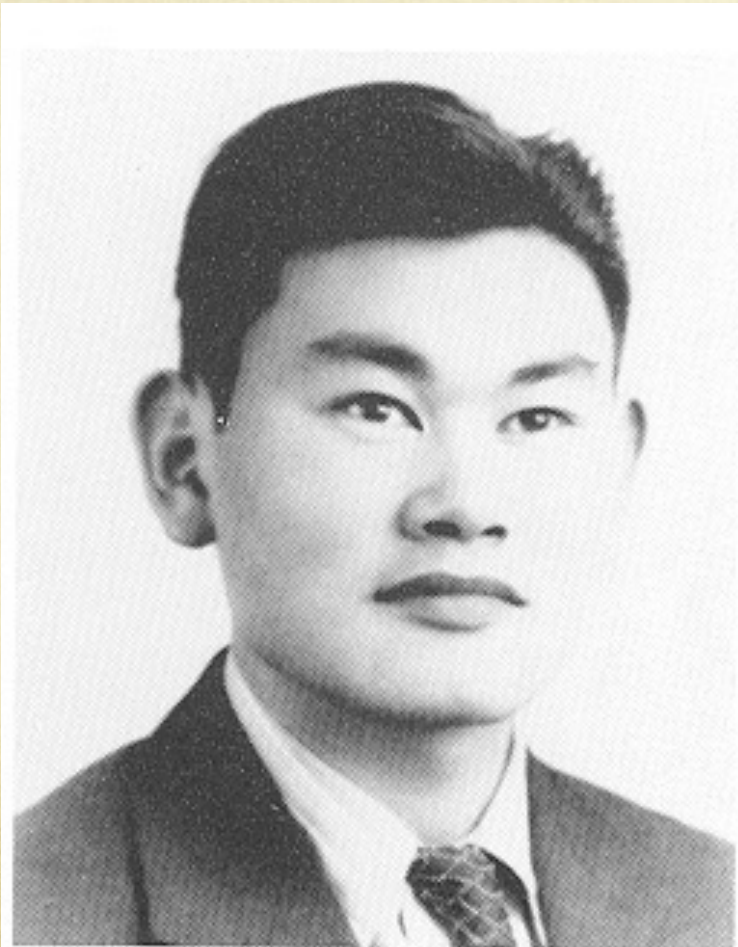
People had to sell their businesses, homes, cars, belongings within 2 weeks



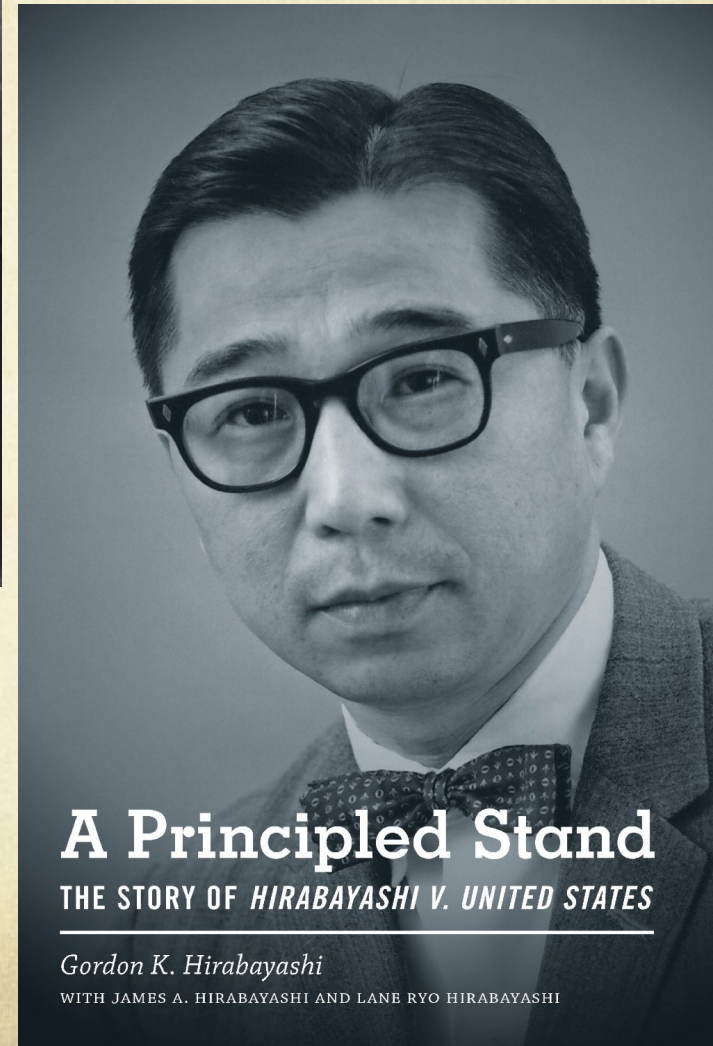


Korematsu v. United States

- Fred Korematsu challenged the law, but the Supreme court ruled that relocation was constitutional because it was based not on race, but on “military urgency.” (Dec. 1944)



- Two other cases, *Hirabayashi v. United States* and *Yasui v. United States* also found relocation constitutional during the war.



A Principled Stand

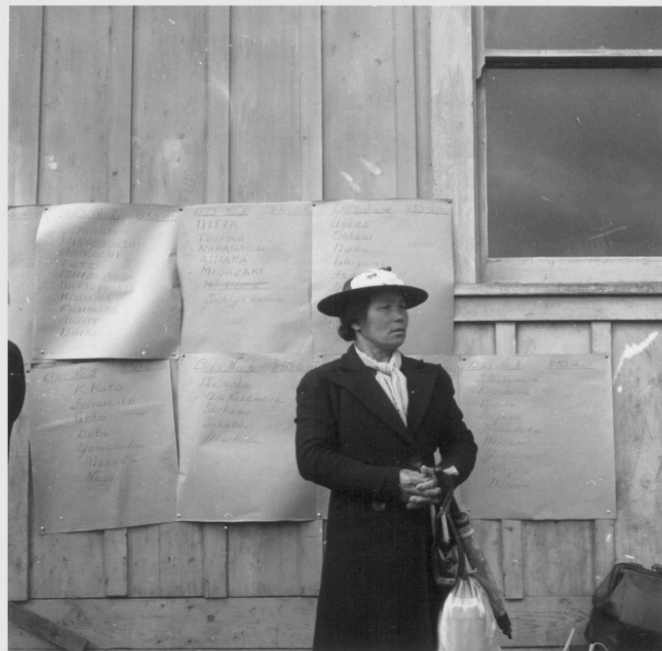
THE STORY OF *HIRABAYASHI V. UNITED STATES*

Gordon K. Hirabayashi

WITH JAMES A. HIRABAYASHI AND LANE RYO HIRABAYASHI

110,000–120,000 had to leave with only what they could carry. Japanese Americans went first to “assembly centers,” (sometimes held at race tracks) then internment or relocation camps, usually in the desert.













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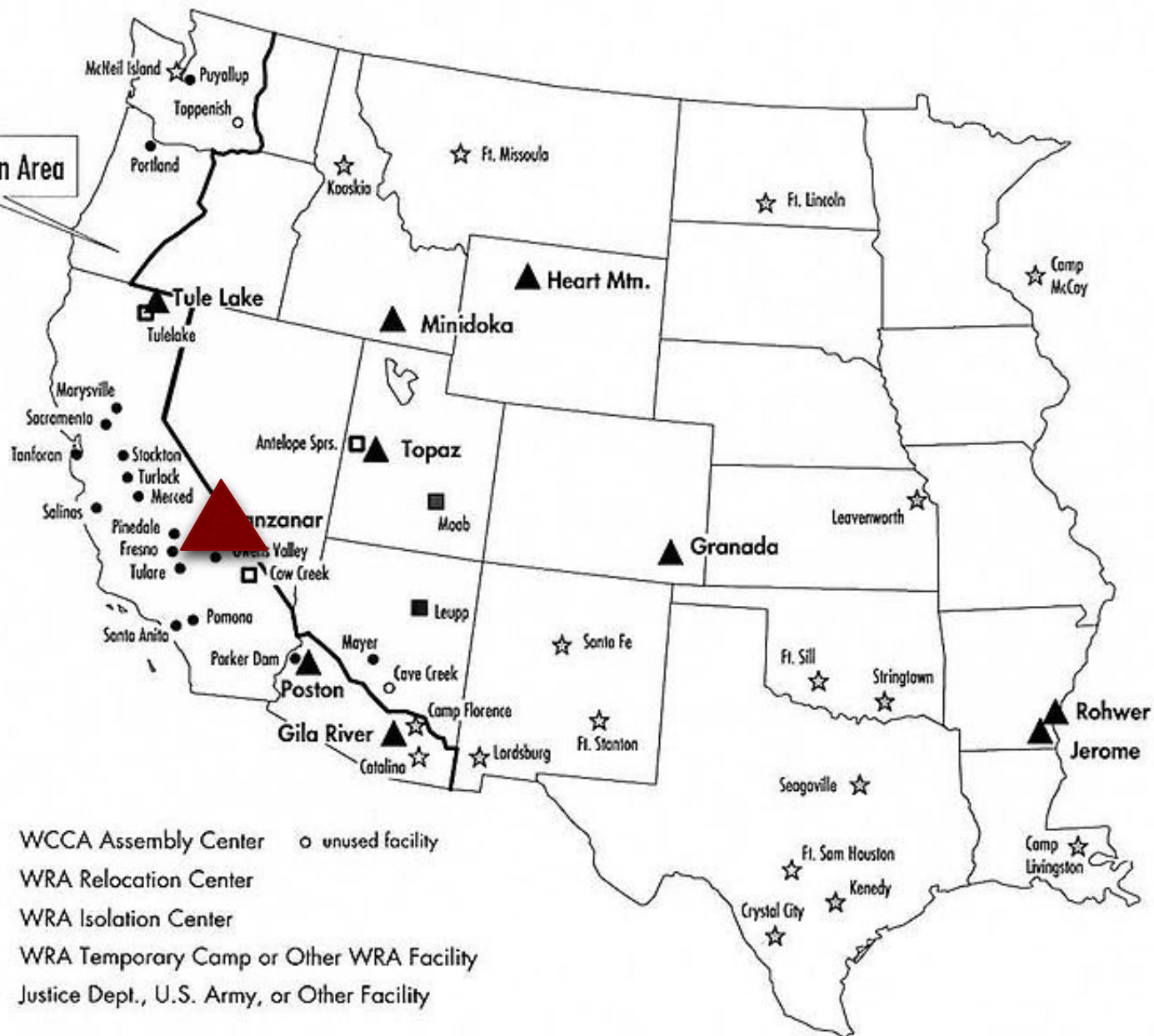


Horse stalls converted for occupation by Japanese Americans at an Assembly Center



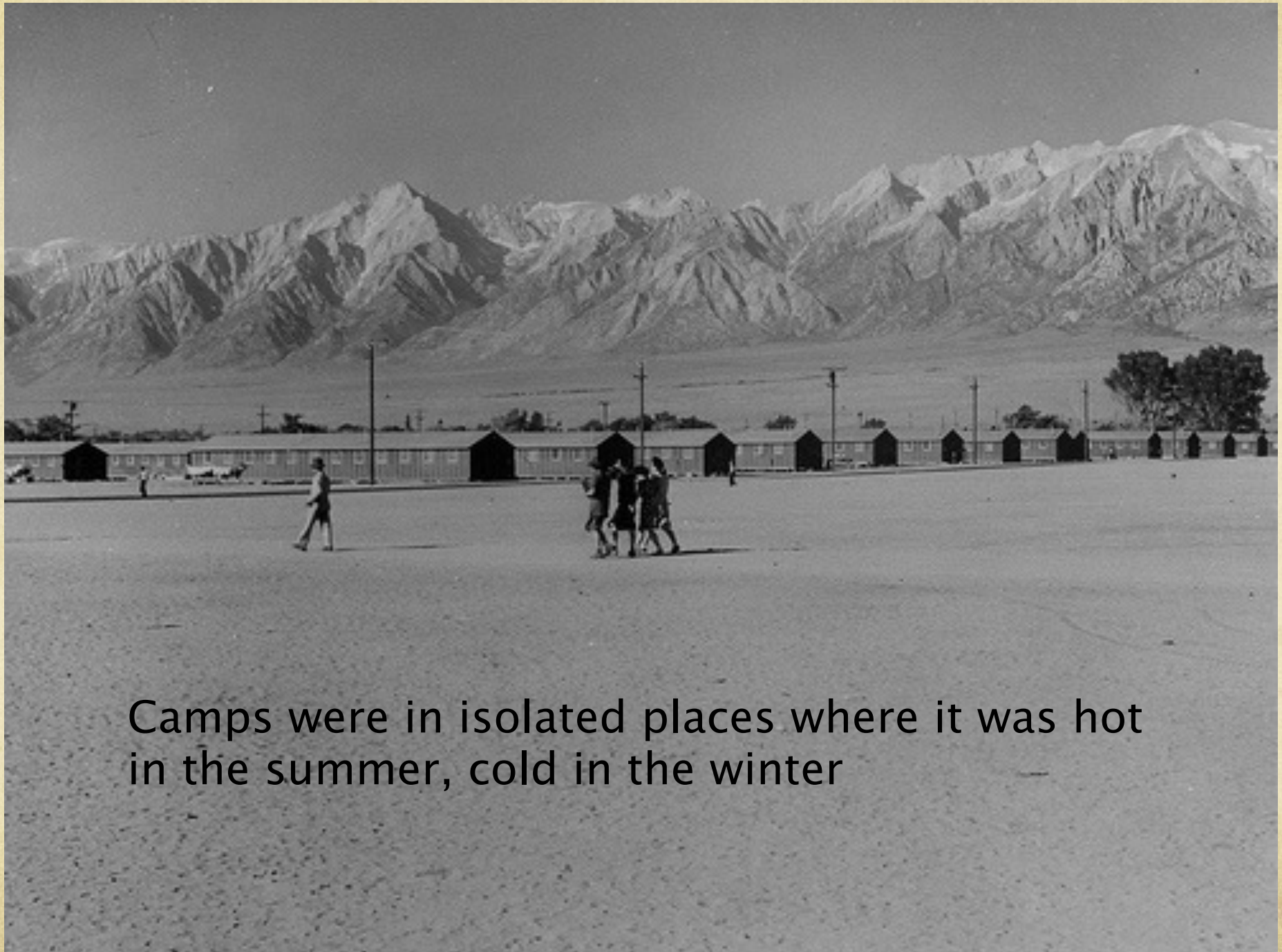
Exclusion Area

- WCCA Assembly Center ○ unused facility
- ▲ WRA Relocation Center
- WRA Isolation Center
- WRA Temporary Camp or Other WRA Facility
- ☆ Justice Dept., U.S. Army, or Other Facility



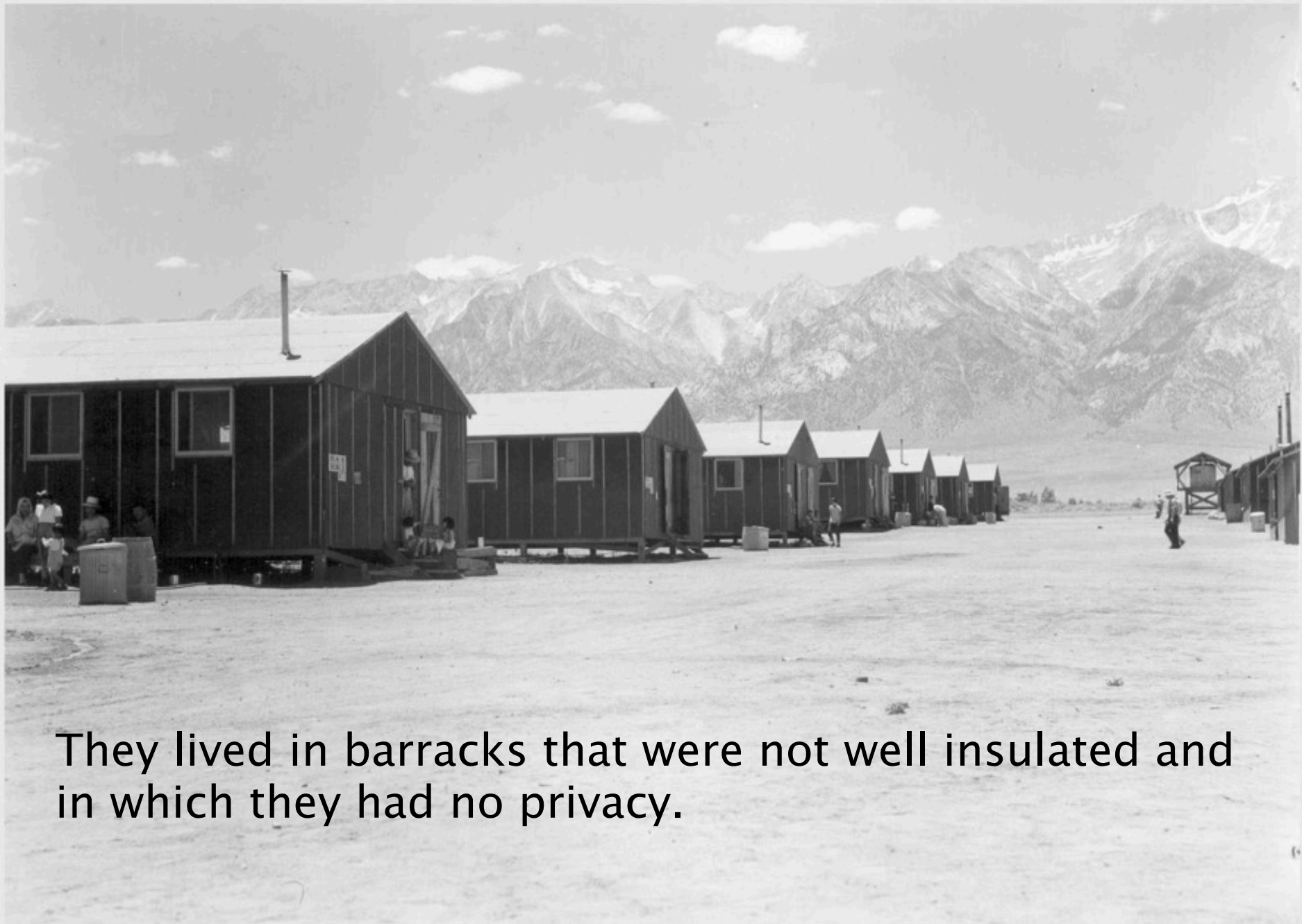
Japanese-American men sometimes volunteered to go the camps early to help build the barracks





Camps were in isolated places where it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter





They lived in barracks that were not well insulated and in which they had no privacy.

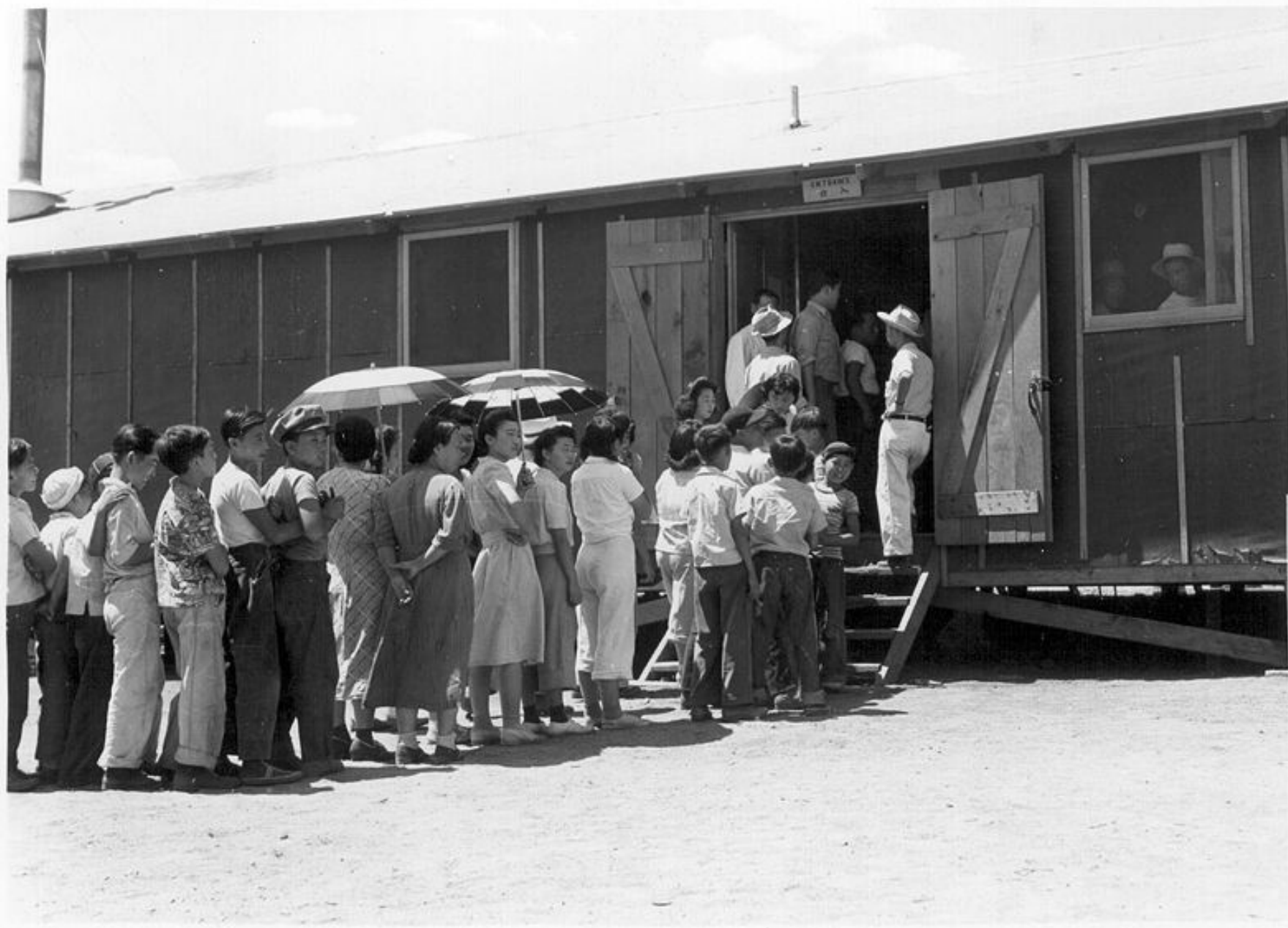
Internment was particularly demoralizing to men since they had been the breadwinners, but now had nothing to do



San Francisco Post-Examiner

Waiting in line for supper at the mess hall







The family unit was disrupted at meals; teens ate together rather than with their families.



People found ways to cope:
clubs, sports, choirs



Building additions or gardens









Always under guard



Young men were asked to serve; most did.





Manzanar, in Central California.



There is a museum
And barracks rebuilt
To look as they did
From 1942–1945







“Soul Consoling Tower”



When they returned home in 1945, they faced continued discrimination.





Japanese Americans began a “redress movement” in the 1960s to request a monetary settlement and an apology. An apology came in 1976 (from Pres. Ford) and redress finally came in 1988 (under Pres. Reagan)

Notice
Sen.
Daniel
Inouye
At the
left



G. American Response to the Holocaust

- What did we know and when did we know it?



- Watch the video about Witold Pilecki and answer the question:

- [Video Witold Pilecki](#)



- The US created War Refugee Board (Jan 1944)



Sec. of State Cordell Hull; Sec. of Tres. Henry Morgenthau;
Sec. of War Henry Stimson – meeting of War Refugee Board



Refugee Camp at Fort Ontario

- Committee worked to aid civilian victims of the Axis powers; rescued as many as 200,000 Jews from Nazi-occupied countries
- Read the article about Fort Ontario and answer the questions. [Fort Ontario Article](#)

- The War Refugee Board discussed bombing Auschwitz; the idea was rejected



7. Results of the War

A. Social Results

- WWII Casualty estimates (dead worldwide)
 - Military – 22-25 million
 - Civilian – 34-46 million
 - Total – 62-78 million



- Millions were displaced, homeless. The Red Cross helped many to find shelter and to try to reconnect with family



B. Economic

- Cost: \$296 Billion to the US (about \$1 trillion today)
- \$1,600,000,000,000 – direct economic costs of WWII internationally



- Shattered economies in Europe and Asia; struggle to rebuild and recover after war

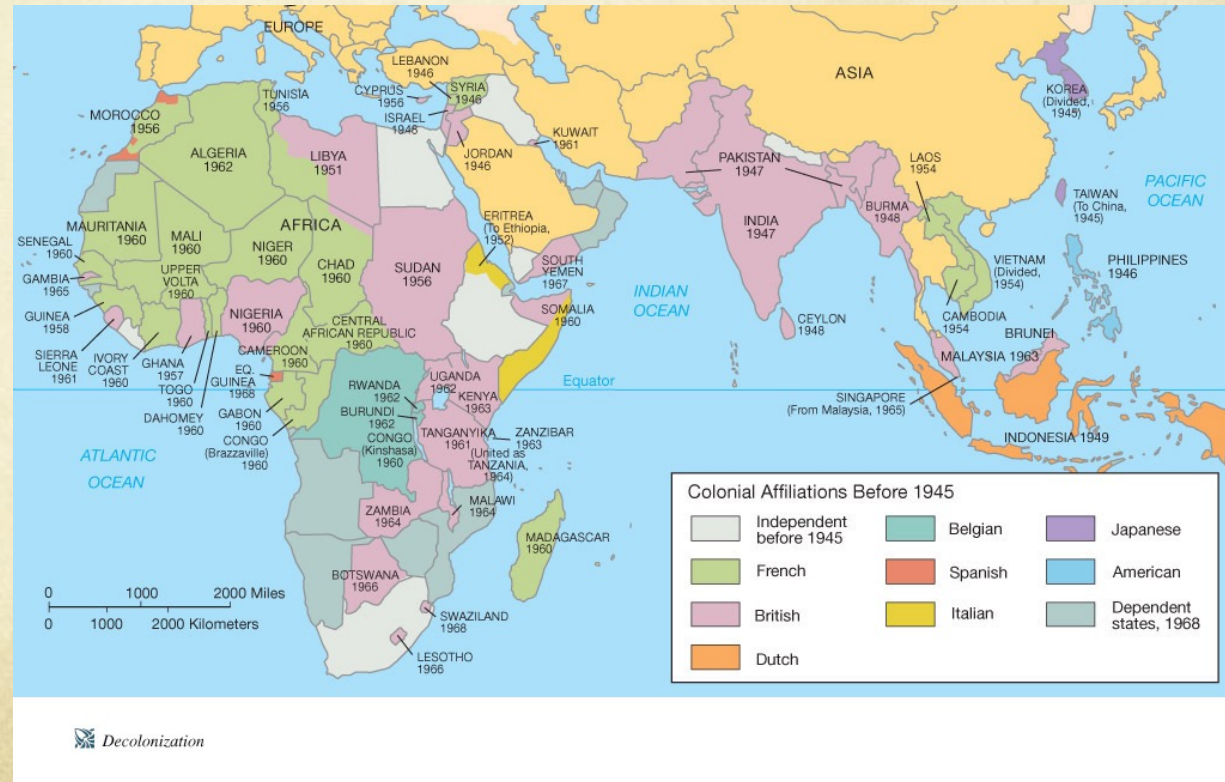


C. Political

- Regime change in Europe and Asia after occupation
- US implements Marshall Plan to support western European countries economically
- Creation of Israel 1948 as a homeland for displaced Jews



- U.S. emerges from the war as a super-power
- Britain, France, others, reduced in power



- USSR emerges as leading Communist power; creates Soviet Bloc (countries aligned with USSR, also known as Soviet Satellite countries)
- Cold War tensions begin; last for 40 years



ВЕЛИКИЙ СТАЛИН-ЗНАМЯ ДРУЖ



- United Nations was created to keep the peace;
- US plays central role (UK, USSR, France, China – on permanent UN Security Council)



- The U.S. stays actively involved in world politics from WWII until the present.



○ Watch the video “The Fallen” and answer the questions.

○ [The Fallen](#)